REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. Claims 1, and 5-7, which are independent, have been amended and hereby obviate the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification and Drawings, specifically at pages 35-37 and Figures 27-28. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S Patent No. 5,999,169 to Lee (hereinafter, merely "Lee") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,523,754 to Eisen et al. (hereinafter, merely "Eisen").

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

"An information processing device...

wherein the server means loads, at the time of start-up, a script file describing a status transition of the input device in the script language, the status transition based on hardware that can be supported by changing the script file and the status transition

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represents how each status shifts in a particular situation, and information relating to incompatible applications that are to be executed, reads the status transition corresponding to the operation of the input device, and executes the operation corresponding to the status transition; and

execution means for executing a status monitor program for monitoring a difference in quantities of a first counter and a second counter based on polling which indicates a status shift for a particular situation." (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, Lee relates to a graphical user interface system for supporting multiple two-dimensional movement inputs. A signal including a first and second signal representative of movements of respective first and second user input mechanisms are utilized for operating display symbols corresponding to either the first or second signal. The user is provided with such features as the ability to scroll the content of an image, to move back and forth through a sequence of frames displayed, to move a cursor over a GUI display and to move a sub-window, such as a magnifier, over the GUI display.

As understood by Applicants, Eisen relates to computer software for reconfiguring a keyboard input device to support he appropriate language when moving from application to application on a desktop. An application is selected on a computer system and an input device, keyboard, is appropriately mapped and remapped to correspond to the language selected by a user.

Applicants submit that Lee and Eisen, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the features of claim 1. Specifically, Applicants submit that there is no teaching or suggestion of an information processing device comprising execution means for executing a status monitor program for monitoring a difference in quantities of a first counter and a second

counter based on polling which indicates a status shift for a particular situation, as recited in

claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable.

Independent claims 5-7 are similar in scope and are believed patentable for

similar reasons.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claims 1 and 5-7 are patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the

independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same

reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the

invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits

is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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